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ABSTRACT

A DEVICE FOR AND A METHOD OF MILKING AN ANIMAL, A DEVICE FOR MONITORING AN ANIMAL

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10 A device for milking an animal, in particular a cow. The device is provided with a stress measuring device for determining the degree of stress of the animal and for supplying stress measurement data to a storage device for storing stress measurement data. The device is adapted to store stress measurement data before and during milking. A device for monitoring an animal, in particular a cow. The device comprises a stress measuring device for determining stress of the animal. The stress measuring device comprises a

15 device selected from the group consisting of an infrared meter for measuring an infrared image of the animal, a hygrometer for determining for determining the humidity of the fur respectively the nose of the animal, an iris scanner for determining the eye characteristics of the animal, a

20 smell or odour meter for determining the breath or body odour of the animal, a muscular tension measuring device for determining the muscular tension of the animal, an excrement analysing device for determining the characteristics of the excrement of the animal, a muscle vibration meter for

25 determining the muscle vibrations of the animal. A method of milking an animal, in particular a cow. The method comprises the step of determining stress of the animal before and during milking.

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(Figure 1)